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Book Notices.

PUBLICATION OF THE EGYPTIAN MONUMENTS IN THE MUSEUM OF LEYDEN¹ (*Second Instalment*)

This second instalment of the great publication of the Egyptian monuments in the Leyden collections is a worthy successor of the first, already noticed in these pages.² It consists of a compact series of documents comprising the Middle Kingdom stelae of this important collection. Those falling in the obscure age between the Old and Middle Kingdoms are only two in number, leaving a series of fifty from the Middle Kingdom itself. They include all of the Leyden stelae of this age, so important for the chronology of the Twelfth Dynasty. The fifty-two stelae are reproduced by a heliotype process on forty plates. The mechanical excellence of these plates could not be surpassed. Not only the inscriptions but also all archaeological details are reproduced with clearness and beauty, making these forty plates a veritable treasury of materials for this great age. This volume together with the Cairo catalogue of Lange and Schaefer furnishes every library and university with a broad basis for the study of Middle Kingdom civilization. Dr. Boeser has supplied an excellent commentary for the plates, giving brief but clear descriptions, marked by great care and accuracy, and accompanied by a full bibliography. Besides the commentary-text, Boeser has also furnished an excellent series of exhaustive indices, including divine names, geographical names, personal proper names, titles, offices, callings, etc.

We congratulate Dr. Boeser and the Leyden Museum on this splendid instalment, continuing so worthily the high standard already established by the first section of their great publication.

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EGYPTIAN PALEOGRAPHY³

Moeller opens the preface of his great work with these words: "In der vorliegenden Arbeit ist zum ersten Mal der Versuch gemacht die

¹ BESCHREIBUNG DER AEGYPTISCHEN SAMMLUNG DES NIEDERLÄNDISCHEN REICHSMUSEUMS DER ALTERTÜMER IN LEIDEN. Die Denkmäler der Zeit zwischen dem Alten und Mittleren Reich und des Mittleren Reichs. Erste Abteilung, Stelen, von Dr. P. A. A. Boeser. The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1909.

² *AJSL*, Vol. XXIII, pp. 264 f.

³ HIERATISCHE PALAEOGRAPHIE. Die Aegyptische Buchschrift in ihrer Entwicklung von der Fünften Dynastie bis zur römischen Kaiserzeit, dargestellt von Georg Moeller. Erster Band: Bis zum Beginn der Achtzehnten Dynastie. Zweiter Band: Von der Zeit Thutmosis' III bis zum Ende der Einundzwanzigsten Dynastie. Small folio. Leipzig: J. C. Hinrichs'sche Buchhandlung, 1909.